Shopkeepers vow to resist official raids

By Our Correspondent

GUJRANWALA, Dec 31: Some 15 local trade organizations, including the Markazi Anjuman Tajran, have threatened that they will go on a strike if crackdown on shopkeepers to check prices was not stopped immediately.

Addressing a Press conference on Thursday, they protested against the district administration and police on registration of cases against them under MPO-16.

Trade organization leaders, including Markazi Anjuman Tajran President Dr Mahmood Ahmad, alleged that the police were extorting money from the business community following the crackdown.

They demanded that the chief minister should take notice of the situation immediately, and the matter should be probed by a judge of the Lahore High Court.

THREE KILLED: Three people were killed and six others were injured in separate road accidents in and around the city on Thursday.

Usman, 10, of Sadhoki was crushed by a truck (GAK-8887) on the GT Road. He died on the spot.

In another incident, seven-year-old Irfan of Kasowal was killed while six others sustained injuries when a tractor-trolley hit a tonga on which the victims were riding on Gondlanwala Road.

The injured people were admitted to the local Civil Hospital in critical condition.

Mahmood Javed, 50, of Satellite Town, was knocked down by a speeding vehicle near the overhead bridge.

Police have registered cases and are investigating.

STERN ACTION: The divisional administration has warned that stern action will be taken against all those who will be found indulging in immoral activities on the new-year eve.

The divisional commissioner said on Thursday necessary instructions had already been issued to the district administration and police asking them not to allow any group or party to hold a function in a hotel, club or a public place regarding the new year.

He said the police had also been ordered to arrest all those who would violate the law.

TORTURED: A councillor and his men were tortured and humiliated by another councillor and accomplices in Sodara Town on Wednesday night.

It is reported that councillor Sahibzada Ziaun Noor and his men had launched a campaign against the drug menace which was opposed by councillor Shaukat Ali Awan and his supporters.

Awan and accomplices attacked Noor and his men when they were on their way after offering traveeh. They beat them up with clubs and iron bars and escaped while firing.

Sodara police are investigating the matter.

GHEE PRICE: The divisional administration has fixed the ghee price at Rs 51 per kg in Ramazan bazaars and Rs 53 per kg in the open market.

The decision was taken at a meeting held here on Thursday with the divisional commissioner in the chair.

The meeting also reviewed the flour supply position.

DEMOLISHED: Five people stormed into the Government Girls Middle School, Ghakkhar Town, and demolished classrooms to grab the school land on Thursday.

When Headmistress Ruqia Khanum protested, Zafar and accomplices escaped while firing in the air and threatening with dire consequences.

Ghakkhar police have registered a case against the accused and are investigating.

CASE REGISTERED: Tetley Aali police registered a case against 20 persons for ransacking the house of their rival on Wednesday night.

It is reported that Zafarullah along with 19 accomplices entered the house of Sadaqat Ali of Bhadey village and ransacked the house. They beat up Sadaqat's mother Rasulan Bibi. They also took away cash, jewellery and other valuables from the house.

STRANGLED: A young man, Munawwar Husain, 23, was strangled to death reportedly by his rival, Muhammad Sharif, over a monetary dispute in Mandiala Tega, Wahando, on Wednesday night.

Wahando police have registered a case and are investigating.

ARRESTED: Baghbanpura police arrested two youths, Shehzad and Amanullah, for possessing fake currency notes here on Wednesday night.